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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

a switch in communication with a landline telecommunications unit having a first telephone number and associated with the subscriber for detecting a first terminating trigger specific to the service in response to an incoming communication to the landline telecommunications unit from a calling party, wherein the first terminating trigger is associated with the first telephone number;

a service control point in communication with the switch for determining, in response to detection of the first terminating trigger by the switch, whether the landline telecommunications unit and an associated wireless telecommunications unit of the subscriber are available; and

a services node in communication with the switch for receiving the incoming communication from the switch when the service control point determines that both the landline telecommunications unit and the wireless telecommunications unit are available, and, in response thereto, for placing first and second outgoing communications, and wherein the services node does not store the directory number associated with the wireless telecommunications unit.

wherein the switch is further for routing the second outgoing communication to the landline telecommunication unit and for detecting a second terminating trigger associated with a second telephone number in response to the first outgoing communication, and

wherein the service control point, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger by the switch, is further for instructing the switch to route the second outgoing communication to the wireless telecommunications unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the service control point includes an associated database storing a directory number associated with the wireless telecommunications unit, and wherein the services node is not for storing the directory number associated with the wireless telecommunications unit.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

detecting an incoming communication from a calling party to a landline telecommunications unit having a first telephone number and associated with the subscriber from a first terminating trigger associated with the first telephone number;

determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether the landline telecommunications unit and an associated wireless telecommunications unit of the subscriber are available;

placing first and second outgoing communications when both the landline telecommunications unit and the wireless telecommunications unit are available;

routing the second outgoing communication to the landline telecommunication unit;

detecting a trigger associated with a second telephone number in response to the first outgoing communication; and

routing, in response to detection of the trigger, the first communication to the wireless telecommunications unit.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

means for detecting an incoming communication from a calling party to a landline telecommunications unit having a first telephone number and associated with the subscriber from a first terminating trigger associated with the first telephone number;

programmable determination means for determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether the landline telecommunications unit and an associated wireless telecommunications unit of the subscriber are available;

programmable service means for placing first and second outgoing communications when both the landline telecommunications unit and the wireless telecommunications unit are available;

switching means for routing the second outgoing communication to the landline telecommunications unit;

means for detecting a trigger associated with a second telephone number in response to the first outgoing communication; and

switching means for routing, in response to detection of the trigger, the first communication to the wireless telecommunications unit.